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RETROVIRAL NUCLEIC MATERIAL AND NUCLEOTIDE FRAGMENTS, IN PARTICULAR ASSOCIATED WITH MULTIPLE

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| | icant matic | t herewith submits to the United States Designated/Elected Office (DO/EO/US) the following items and other on: |
| 1. | | This is a FIRST submission of items concerning a filing under 35 U.S.C. 371. |
| 2. | \boxtimes | This is a SECOND or SUBSEQUENT submission of items concerning a filing under 35 U.S.C. 371. |
| 3. | | This express request to begin national examination procedures (35 U.S.C. 371(f)) at any time rather than delay examination until the expiration of the applicable time limit set in 35 U.S.C. 371(b) and PCT Articles 22 and 39(1). |
| 4. | \boxtimes | A proper Demand for International Preliminary Examination was made by the 19th month from the earliest claimed priority date. |
| 5. | | A copy of the International Application as filed (35 U.S.C. 371(c)(2)) a. is transmitted herewith (required only if not transmitted by the International Bureau). b. has been transmitted by the International Bureau. c. is not required, as the application was filed in the United States Receiving Office (RO/US) |
| 6. | | A translation of the International Application into English (35 U.S.C. 371(c)(2)). |
| 7. | | Amendments to the claims of the International Application under PCT Article 19 (35 U.S.C. 371(c)(3)) a. |
| 8. | | A translation of the amendments to the claims under PCT Article 19 (35 U.S.C. 371(c)(3)). |
| 9. | \boxtimes | An oath or declaration of the inventor(s) (35 U.S.C. 371(c)(4)). |
| 10. | | A translation of the annexes to the International Preliminary Examination Report under PCT Article 36 (35 U.S.C. 371 (c)(5)). |
| ltem | s 11 | . to 16. below concern other document(s) or information included: |
| 11. | | An Information Disclosure Statement under 37 CFR 1.97 and 1.98. |
| 12. | | An assignment document for recording. A separate cover sheet in compliance with 37 CFR 3.28 and 3.31 is included. |
| 13. | | A FIRST preliminary amendment. |
| | | A SECOND or SUBSEQUENT preliminary amendment. |
| 14. | | A substitute specification. |
| 15 | | A small entity statement |

Other items or information: Response to Notif. of Missing Rqmts. w/Copy of Notif. of Missing Rqmts.

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| NOTE: Where an appropriate time limit under 37 CFR 1.494 or 1.495 has not been met, a petition to revive (37 CFR 1.137(a) or (b)) must be filed and granted to restore the application to pending status. | | | | | | on to revive (37 CFR |
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RESPONSE TO NOTIFICATION OF MISSING REQUIREMENTS **UNDER 35 U.S.C. 371 IN THE UNITED STATES DESIGNATED/ELECTED OFFICE (DO/EO/US)** WITH DECLARATION

Assistant Commissioner for Patents Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

In response to the Notification of Missing Requirements Under 35 U.S.C. 371 in the United States Designated/Elected Office (DO/EO/US) (copy attached) mailed on July 15, 1999, submitted herewith is the executed Declaration of the inventor(s). Any specification attached to and referenced in the Declaration is a copy of the specification and any amendments thereto which were filed in the Office in order to obtain a filing date for the application.

Entry of these documents should complete all of the filing formalities and fully satisfy all requirements of the Notification of Missing Requirements. Accordingly, prompt issuance of a Notification of Acceptance and Official Filing Receipt, and prompt examination and allowance of this application are respectfully solicited.

The Declaration is being submitted within 30 months from the priority date. Therefore, no surcharge for filing the Declaration is due. In addition, this Response is being filed within 31 months from the priority date. Therefore, no extension of time is needed.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fee (or credit any overpayment) associated with this communication to Deposit Account No. 15-0461. Two duplicate copies of this paper are attached.

Respectfully submitted.

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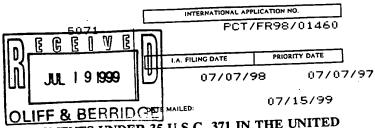
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